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**Via ECF**

The Honorable P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**RE: United States v. Andres Bello  
Criminal Docket 20 CR 301 (PKC)**

Dear Judge Castel:

I have spoken to Mr. Bello as per the Court's order and at this time I do believe there is an actual conflict under *Lopez v. Scully* 58 F.3d 38 (2d. Circuit 1995), and I am unable to represent Mr. Bello as a result. Mr. Bello is firm in his decision for new counsel and I am certain that our conflict cannot be resolved. I would join in Mr. Bello's request to the Court that new CJA counsel be appointed to represent Mr. Bello at this time.

Conference is scheduled for April 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The conference will proceed by video. Defendant Andres Bello, Kenneth Montgomery, CJA attorney, Richard Rosenberg and the government shall appear at the conference.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 3/22/2021



P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge

Respectfully,

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